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THANK YOU
to all the producers who participated in our recent surveys. The results you requested are in this issue.

CATTLE PRICES UP FROM LAST YEAR

The **Index of Prices Received** by farmers and ranchers in **Wyoming** for agriculture commodities sold during October was 134 percent of the 1990-1992 base. The index was down 7 points (5 percent) from September but up 17 points (15 percent) from October 2009. The seasonal changes in the mix of commodities farmers sell also affect the overall indexes.

The **All Livestock Index**, at 132, was down 8 points (6 percent) from last month but up 18 points (16 percent) from October 2009. November prices for cows were down compared to last month while calves and steer and heifer prices were up. Compared to last year, all cattle prices were up. **Cow** prices averaged $49.30 per hundredweight, down $2.30 from October but up $10.00 from last year. **Steer and heifer** prices, at $112.00 per hundredweight, were up $2.00 from October and up $15.00 from last year's price. **Calf** prices averaged $133.00 per hundredweight, up $4.00 from last month and up $24.00 from last year. **Sheep** prices came in at $46.20 per hundredweight for the month of October. **Lamb** prices averaged $138.00 per hundredweight for the month of October.

The **All Crops Index**, at 151, was up 7 points (5 percent) from September down 3 points (2 percent) from last October. November hay prices held steady compared to last month. All hay prices were down compared to last year. **Alfalfa hay**, unchanged from last month but down $10.00 from last year, came in at $90.00 per ton. **Other hay**, at $80.00 per ton, was unchanged from last month and down $13.00 from last year.

United States: The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in November, at 159 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 4 points (2.6 percent) from October. The Crop Index is up 9 points (5.4 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 1 point (0.7 percent). Producers received higher prices for soybeans, corn, lettuce, and eggs and lower prices for hogs, milk, apples, and cucumbers. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of milk, cotton, cattle, and corn offset decreased marketings of soybeans, potatoes, peanuts, and lettuce.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 23 points (17 percent) from November 2009. The Food Commodities Index, at 155, increased 3 points (2.0 percent) from last month and increased 19 points (14 percent) from November 2009.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS AND RANCHERS, NOVEMBER 2009, OCTOBER 2010, AND NOVEMBER 15, 2010
U.S. PRICES AS PERCENT OF PARITY

COMMODITY	UNIT	WYOMING			UNITED STATES			
		NOV 2009	OCT 2010	NOV 15 2010	NOV 2009	OCT 2010	NOV 15 2010	% OF PARITY
		Dollars			**Dollars**			**Percent**
LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS								
Cows	100#	39.30	51.60	49.30	41.70	52.70	51.90	—
Steers & Heifers	100#	97.00	110.00	112.00	85.40	98.80	100.00	—
Calves	100#	109.00	129.00	133.00	104.00	120.00	122.00	34
Sheep	100#	36.10	46.20	3/	36.30	48.50	1/	—
Lambs	100#	95.00	138.00	3/	97.70	138.00	1/	—
CROPS								
Corn	Bu.	2/	2/	3/	3.65	4.32	4.59	49
Oats	Bu.	2/	2/	3/	2.02	2.37	2.57	42
Feed Barley	Bu.	2/	2/	2/	2.50	3.35	3.54	—
Winter Wheat	Bu.	2/	5.43	3/	4.60	5.80	6.04	—
Dry Beans	100#	2/	2/	3/	30.10	25.70	24.30	34
Alfalfa Hay (Baled)	Ton	100.00	90.00	90.00	109.00	118.00	117.00	—
Other Hay (Baled)	Ton	93.00	80.00	80.00	97.90	96.90	95.50	—

INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS & RANCHERS, WYOMING & U.S.

1990-92 = 100	WYOMING 4/			UNITED STATES		
	OCT 2009	SEP 2010	OCT 2010	NOV 2009	OCT 2010	NOV 15 2010
All Commodities	117	141	134	136	155	159
All Crops	154	144	151	154	168	177
All Livestock and Products	114	140	132	115	134	135

1/ Mid-month prices discontinued January 1996. 2/ Insufficient sales. 3/ Mid-month price discontinued July 2010.
4/ Mid-month Wyoming price index discontinued July 2010. **NOTE**: Entire month price is a revision of previous mid-month price except for hay which is always a mid-month price.

WYOMING DRY BEAN CROP UP FROM 2009

The December 1 forecast of production for Wyoming's dry bean crop indicates production is up 47 percent from last year and 41 percent above 2008. The 2010 production is expected to increase by 317,000 hundredweight, primarily due to 13,500 more acres estimated to have been harvested.

Wyoming's **all dry bean** production is forecast at 997,000 hundredweight, up from 680,000 in 2009 and well above the 2008 production of 705,000 hundredweight. A total of 47,500 acres are estimated to have been harvested with a forecasted yield average of 2,100 pounds per acre. This estimated yield is 100 pounds per acre more than last year but down 210 pounds per acre compared to 2008. **Pinto bean** production is expected to increase 53 percent to 869,000 hundredweight and account for 87 percent of the state's total production. Production of **great northern beans** is also expected to increase significantly from last year to 46,000 hundredweight, 5 percent of the state's total. **Navy bean** production, estimated at 19,000 hundredweight would comprise 2 percent of the state's total and the remaining 63,000 hundredweight, 6 percent of the state's total, would be accounted for in various **other varieties**.

UNITED STATES: U.S. dry edible bean production is forecast at 31.3 million hundredweight for 2010, up 23 percent from the production in 2009. Planted area is forecast at 1.91 million acres, up 23 percent from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 1.83 million acres, 25 percent above the previous year. The average United States yield is forecast at 1,706 pounds per acre, a decrease of 31 pounds from 2009.

Production is expected to be higher in 12 of the 17 States in the dry bean program in 2010. The top five producing States all showed increased production from last season. Production in North Dakota, the largest producing State, was up 34 percent from a year ago, while Michigan increased 20 percent from 2009. Minnesota and Nebraska's production increased 22 percent and 26 percent, respectively. Idaho's production is up 25 percent from last season.

ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION 2009;
FINAL SMALL GRAINS, ROW CROP FORECASTS AND DECEMBER 1 DRY BEAN FORECAST, 2010

Crop	Planted		Harvested		Yield per Harvested Acre		Production		
	2009	2010	2009	Dec 2010	2009	Dec 2010	2009	Dec 2010	10/09
	1,000 Acres		1,000 Acres				1,000 Tons		
WYOMING									
Oats (bu) 2/	40	34	10	9	61.0	61.0	610	549	90
Winter Wheat (bu) 2/	155	165	132	145	38.0	32.0	5,016	4,640	93
Barley (bu) 2/	80	75	64	62	105.0	98.0	6,720	6,076	90
Sugarbeets (tons)	32.4	30.5	25.6	30.3	26.5	28.0	678	848	125
Dry Beans (cwt) 2/	37.5	49.0	34.0	47.5	20.0	21.0	680	998	147
Alfalfa Hay (tons) 2/	—	—	690	670	2.50	2.40	1,725	1,608	93
Other Hay (tons) 2/	—	—	580	560	1.40	1.60	812	896	110
All Hay (tons) 2/	—	—	1,270	1,230	2.00	2.04	2,537	2,504	99
UNITED STATES									
Corn-Grain (bu) 1/	86,482	88,222	79,590	81,263	164.7	154.3	13,110,062	12,539,646	96
Winter Wheat (bu) 2/	43,346	37,335	34,510	31,749	44.2	46.8	1,524,608	1,485,236	97
Oats (bu) 2/	3,404	3,138	1,379	1,263	67.5	64.3	93,081	81,190	87
Barley (bu) 2/	3,567	2,872	3,113	2,465	73.0	73.1	227,323	180,268	79
Sugarbeets (tons)	1,185.8	1,186.5	1,148.6	1,153.5	25.7	27.7	29,563	31,934	108
Dry Beans (cwt)	1,540.0	1,909.9	1,464.0	1,833.9	17.4	17.1	25,427	31,295	123
Alfalfa Hay (tons) 2/	—	—	21,227	20,732	3.35	3.44	71,030	71,326	100
Other Hay (tons) 2/	—	—	38,528	38,924	1.98	2.08	76,412	80,952	106
All Hay (tons) 2/	—	—	59,755	59,656	2.47	2.55	147,442	152,278	103

1/Corn planted for all purposes, harvested for grain.
2/Forecasts carried forward from November 1.

U.S. Cattle on Feed Up 3 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.6 million head on December 1, 2010. The inventory was 3 percent above December 1, 2009.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.96 million, 6 percent above 2009. Net placements were 1.90 million head. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 625,000, 600-699 pounds were 590,000, 700-799 pounds were 373,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 370,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.77 million, 9 percent above 2009.

Other disappearance totaled 62,000 during November, 6 percent below 2009.

Cattle on Feed: 1000+ Capacity Feedlots, Selected States and United States, December, 2009-2010 1/

State	On Feed Nov 1, 2010	Place-ments Nov 2010	Market-ings Nov 2010	Other Disapp. Nov 2010	On Feed Dec 1, 2010	On Feed Dec 1, 2009
	Thousand Head					
CO	1,090	155	150	5	1,090	1,060
KS	2,400	375	400	15	2,360	2,330
NE	2,420	445	395	10	2,460	2,410
TX	2,820	475	440	15	2,840	2,760
Oth Sts.	2,757	508	389	17	2,859	2,717
U.S.	11,487	1,958	1,774	62	11,609	11,277

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

Wyoming Commercial Red Meat Production Down from September

Commercial red meat production in *Wyoming* during October 2010 totaled 200,000 pounds. This was 86 percent of October 2009 and 300,000 pounds lower than last month's production. Commercial red meat production includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton but excludes animals slaughtered on farm.

Three hundred **cattle** were slaughtered in Wyoming during October, down 100 head compared to the number slaughtered a year ago and three hundred less head than last month. Total live weight was 331,000 pounds, down 18 percent from the previous October. Average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,280 pounds, up 54 pounds from last month.

A total of 100 **commercial hogs** were processed, equal to October of last year but 400 head less than last month. Total live weight, at 30,000 pounds, was up 43 percent from October 2009. Average live weight of hogs slaughtered was 249 pounds, down 10 pounds from the previous month.

Less than one hundred **sheep and lambs** were processed in October, down 100 head from the same time last year and down 200 head from last month.

United States: Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.27 billion pounds in October, down 3 percent from the 4.39 billion pounds produced in October 2009.

Beef production at 2.24 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.87 million head, down 1 percent from October 2009. The average live weight was down 14 pounds from the previous year, at 1,298 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.00 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.73 million head, down 6 percent from October 2009. The average live weight was up 4 pounds from the previous year, at 276 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.1 million pounds, was down 8 percent from October 2009. Sheep slaughter totaled 202,300 head, 8 percent below last year. The average live weight was 130 pounds, down 1 pound from October a year ago.

January to October 2010 commercial red meat production was 40.4 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2009. Accumulated beef production was down slightly from last year, veal was down 2 percent, pork was down 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton was down 4 percent.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, OCTOBER 2009 AND 2010, WYOMING AND U.S.

SPECIES	WYOMING					UNITED STATES				
	Number of Head		Total Live Weight			Number of Head		Total Live Weight		
	Oct 2009	Oct 2010	Oct 2009	Oct 2010	10/09	Oct 2009	Oct 2010	Oct 2009	Oct 2010	10/09
			1,000 Pounds		Percent			1,000 Pounds		Percent
Cattle	400	300	403	331	82.1	2,886,100	2,865,900	3,772,940	3,705,877	98.2
Hogs	100	100	21	30	142.8	10,319,200	9,733,500	2,799,982	2,685,057	95.9
Sheep & Lambs	100	*	9	*	*	218,700	202,300	28,596	28,292	91.9

*Represents less than 50.

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NORTHERN MOUNTAIN REGION AG WAGE UP 55 CENTS FROM 2009

The annual average wage rate for all hired labor in the Northern Mountain Region farms and ranches in 2010 was $10.60 per hour, according to Nancy Hussey with the Wyoming Field Office of USDA NASS. The average wage was up 55 cents from the 2009 average of $10.05 per hour. The annual average wage rate for field workers was $10.11 in 2010, compared with $10.45 in 2009. The combined wage rate for field and livestock workers, excluding supervisors and other workers was $9.90 in 2010, up 20 cents from the 2009 average of $9.70 per hour. There was an average of 22,000 hired workers during 2010, down 3,000 workers from 2009. The average number of hours worked by all hired labor in 2010 was 45.2 hours per week, compared with 45.0 hours per week a year earlier.

UNITED STATES: There were 1,157,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of October 10-16, 2010, up 4 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 826,000 were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 331,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of $11.13 per hour during the October 2010 reference week, up 20 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of $10.49 per hour, up 27 cents from last October, while livestock workers earned $10.27 per hour compared with $10.28 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at $10.43 per hour, was up 19 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 41.7 for hired workers during the survey week, up 7 percent from a year ago.

Farm Wage Rates by Type of Worker, Regions and U.S., October 10-16, 2010 1/

Region	Hired Workers			
	Type of Worker			
	Field	Lvstk	Fld & Lvstk Combined	All Hired Workers
	Dollars per hour			
Mntn I 2/	10.11	9.66	9.90	10.60
Mntn II 3/	10.91	11.01	10.95	11.95
No Plns 4/	12.26	10.79	11.70	11.93
U.S. 5/	10.49	10.27	10.43	11.13

1/ Excludes Ag Service Workers
2/ Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming
3/ Colorado, Nevada and Utah
4/ Kansas, Nebraska, North & South Dakota
5/ Excludes Alaska